Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Dakota Schoolers basketball team was established by Paul Seville in the summer of 1991 as a youth summer traveling team in the Aberdeen area; and,

Whereas, The first Dakota Schoolers team consisted of 12 eighth grade students who posted a 13 win–2 loss record their inaugural year and they won both the age 14 and 15 divisions of the South Dakota AAU state tournaments in 1991; and,

Whereas, The Schoolers advanced to their first ever national tournament in Oklahoma City in 1993 and finished in the Sweet 16 in the Open Division. The Schoolers continued to compete in South Dakota State AAU tournaments through 1994 and were undefeated and won five consecutive state championships; and,

Whereas, The Dakota Schoolers evolved into a summer traveling team for high school athletes who have competed at the Mr. Basketball Tournament in Kearney, Nebraska, for the past 13 years, and 2005 is the 10th year for the Schoolers to compete at the Adidas Big Time Tournament in Las Vegas; and,

Whereas, In 1997, the team led by NBA Rookie of the Year, Mike Miller, finished with a 20 win–8 loss season record. This record established the Dakota Schoolers program as the premier summer high school basketball program in South Dakota, as well as a top program in the nation; and,

Whereas, Seven Mr. Basketball award winners have competed with the Dakota Schoolers, and the team has developed a strong reputation for assisting high school athletes in obtaining collegiate scholarships at all levels of the NCAA and the NAIA; and,

Whereas, The Dakota Schoolers alumni include familiar names such as Mike Miller, Jared Reiner, Derek Paulsen, Josh Heupel, Denver TenBroek, Chad Greenway and Josh Mueller; and,

Whereas, Paul Seville has moved from coach to Director of Basketball Operations for the Dakota Schoolers and maintains a strong program through the contributions of talented coaches like Tim Reck and Kent Mueller; and,

Whereas, In 2005, the Dakota Schoolers will celebrate the 15th anniversary of this successful basketball program which was developed to provide a positive experience for high school athletes and to give them regional and national exposure:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 23, 2005, as

DAKOTA SCHOOLERS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State